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COAL MINERS ON A STRIKE.

95 Per Cent. of Miners in Pocahontas Coal Fields Gone Out.

ALMOST A COMPLETE TIE-UP NOW.

Thirty-nine of Forty-five Operations in Pocahontas Field Closed, and No Settlement in Sight—Situation Becoming Serious.

ECKMAN, W. Va., June 9.—Everything is very quiet here today. No coal is being loaded; the strikers are all very quiet. Allen miners are all at work. At Vivian the Bottom Creek ovens which employ a large number of men, none are working. Peerless are working about eight miners, where about 300 men generally are at work. Tidewater, none working. The Empire Company are working twenty-five men out of their 350 regular force.

Some miners who were not at work caused a car of coal to be dumped on the ground at Empire which delayed the few who were at work very much. None in any of the operations at Eckman, Elk-horn operations are working a very few men. 95 per cent. of the men are out.

The five operations at Maybrey out of about 600 men only nine reported for duty today. The Indian Ridge Company and Browning mines which are located in the Pocahontas field have requested their men to meet them at Bramwell Wednesday where they will try to arrange a compromise, but it is feared they will not recognize the union. In that case miners will not return to work.

The miners held a meeting at Maybrey last night, a large number were present. No violence as yet has been practiced by union men but things are looking very unpleasant at present. It is a complete tie-up. Few men who are working, including guardsmen, being refused board. Several have started to work and were warned by the union men not to work.

It is impossible at present to tell how the strike will end. Miners are determined to have eight hours a day and more money and operators are just as determined not to give them what they ask for.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 9.—The strike in the Flat Top Coal region today is about complete. Some of the operations are attempting to load coal with eight and ten men and in the greater number of cases with less than this number. It had been hoped by the operators that a greater number of the miners going out on Saturday did so out of curiosity to see what the other fellows were doing, and they expected that at least 50 per cent. of their forces to return to work today, but it is generally conceded by even the operators that not over 8 per cent. of the men returned. At the Southwest mines, Pocahontas, where 600 miners ordinarily work, but fifty men are working, though this is a much larger percentage than at any other mines. In the Thacker and Clinch Valley districts the men are still at work, though the agitators in Clinch Valley district are claiming that the men are expected to go out. All the operators so far seen refuse to be interviewed as to their intentions regarding the conference to be held Wednesday at Bramwell by the United Mine Workers, which the operators have been requested to attend. Every precaution is being taken to protect property and the men who remain at work, and another large consignment of fire arms and ammunition was shipped to the different mining companies this morning. Quiet reigns throughout the field.

At last reports from the coal fields there was no improvement in the situation. On Tuesday there were fewer miners at work than on Monday. The Bluefield Telegraph of yesterday says:

"To sum up the situation it seems that the men who struck will hold out for some time, and make a bitter fight. The operators will not agree to their demands, but will import new labor, and if possible fill every strike's place. If there were no other men willing to work the strikers might have a chance, but there are non-union men already en route who will take their places.

"The agitator will keep himself employed at good wages just as long as he can and then seek.

"A great many miners have already left the field and this lessens the number the union will have to provide for in case of a prolonged struggle.

It is the purpose of the companies to demand a surrender of property used by the miners as homes, and if necessary evictions by legal process will follow.

"The Mine Workers have posted their men to resist eviction by appealing each case to a higher court. This will necessitate the giving of bonds in each case. Arrangements, we learn, have been made to give these bonds. At most of the operations the men have signed contracts to leave peaceful possession of the houses leased within three days after leaving the employ of the companies.

"At Bramwell, on Friday night, the union miners will organize a political party. It is their intention to run a labor ticket for county offices and the Legislature."

District Conference.

The District Conference which was to be held at Bramwell, W. Va., on July 10-13 has been changed to Burke's Garden Va. to be held on July 23-27. All persons who desire conveyance from Tazewell on Tuesday, July 22nd, are requested to communicate with Rev. T. B. Weaver, Burke's Garden, Va.

T. R. HANDY, P. E.

ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION.

Convention's Final Vote Taken On Friday the 6th Inst.

On last Friday the vote on the final adoption of the Constitution was taken in the Constitutional Convention. The following is the recorded vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Allen, Anderson, George K.; Ayers, Barbour, Barham, Barnes, Manly H.; Barnes, Thomas H.; Boaz, Bolen, Bouldin, Braxton, Brooke, Cameron, Campbell, C. J.; Campbell, P. W.; Carter, Chapman, Cobb, Crismond, Daniel, Dunaway, Eggleston, Epes, Fairfax, Fletcher, Flood, Garrett, Gilmore, Glass, Gordon, B. T.; Gordon, James W.; Gordon, K. L.; Green, Gregory, Gwynn, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Hutton, Hooker, Hubbard, Hutton, Ingram, Jones, Claggett B.; Jones, G. W.; Keezell, Kendall, Lawson, Lindsey, Lovell, Marshall, McWhine, Meredith, Miller, Moncre, Mundy, Moore, Thomas L.; O'Flaherty, Orr, Parks, Pettit, Pollard, Portlock, Quarles, Richmond, Rives, Robertson, Smith, Stebbins, Stuart, Tarry, Thom, Thornton, Turnbull, Vincent, Waddill, Walker, Walter, Watson, Wescott, Willis, Wise, Withers, Woodhouse, Wyser, Yancey and the President—90.

Noes—Messrs. Blair, Bristow, Davis, Earman, Gillespie, Lincoln, Moore, Thos. L.; Pedigo, Phillips and Summers—10.

Court Clerks.

Section 8 of the schedule of the new Constitution, that provides the terms of the circuit court clerks in the State shall be extended to January 1st, 1906, except in the counties of Accomac, Augusta, Bedford, Campbell, Fairfax, Lee, Loudoun, Hanover, Henrico, Rockingham, Nansemond, Northampton, Pittsylvania, Nelson and Wytile.

The schedule originally provided that in all counties with more than 15,000 population the terms of the circuit court clerks should expire on the 1st of January, 1904. But the clerks of the circuit and county courts in such counties having made agreements by which one is to act as clerk of the circuit court and the other as deputy, the Convention made the change in the schedule as above noted. In the fifteen counties mentioned above the clerks made no such agreement. Consequently the terms of the clerks in these counties will terminate the 1st of January, and there will be elections held for circuit court clerks in such counties in November, 1903.

An agreement was made between Messrs. T. E. George and H. Bane Harman, clerks, respectively, of the county and circuit court for this county, and there will be no election for clerk in Tazewell county until November, 1905.

Plan to Prevent Strikes.

MR. EDITOR:—After I introduced a resolution in the Senate at its last session, declaring that organized labor should be recognized equal before the law with organized capital, a number of my fellow Senators asked me if I had a plan which I thought would accomplish the very desirable purpose of preventing strikes. To all these inquiries I responded that in my judgment labor unions should be incorporated and their rights and privileges as well defined in their character as those of capital; that the regular officers of these labor unions should be entitled to the same respect and consideration before the law and before the regular officers of existing corporations as the presidents and directors of railroad companies and mining and transportation companies are now; that all matters of controversy arising between incorporated capital and incorporated labor should be adjusted by the officers; and in the event of failure on their part to settle the dispute, then a court of arbitration should decide, and be empowered to impose fines and punishments to enforce their decrees.

As stated before in your columns, I am one of a committee of three, appointed under the resolution which I offered, to report to the next session of the General Assembly, by bill or otherwise, upon this subject. I firmly believe that our committee will be able to frame a law on this subject, which, if it does not entirely prevent strikes, it will be such an important step in that direction that strikes in Virginia will be less frequent.

I do not arrogate to myself superior wisdom and foresight upon this very perplexing problem, but, so far as I know, I am the first to suggest this plan for preventing strikes. J. N. HARMAN, Tazewell, Va., June 10, 1902.

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Fourth Round of Quarterly Meetings.

The following gives the time and place for holding the fourth round of Quarterly Meetings for Tazewell District:

Honaker, at Gardner, July 12 and 13—Rader.

Cedar Bluff, at Midway, July 19 and 20.

Eckman and Keystone, at Keystone, July 19 and 20—Shogart.

Elkhorn and Mabeury, at Maybrey, Aug. 2 and 3.

Welch, at Welch, Aug. 2 and 3—Early.

Davy and Panther, at Tug River, Aug. 9 and 10.

North Fork, at Gilliam, Aug. 9 and 10—Booth.

Pocahontas, Aug. 16 and 17—Taylor.

Cooper and Coaldale, at Coaldale, Aug. 16 and 17; Saginaw, at Sagamore, Aug. 23 and 24.

East Tazewell, Centenary, 23 and 24—Webb.

Rocky Gap, Aug. 30 and 31.

Clear Fork, Aug. 30 and 31—Sutherland.

East Buchanan, Aug. 30 and 31—Bilderback.

West Buchanan, Aug. 30 and 31—Gentry.

Grundy, Sep. 6 and 7; Graham, at Ebenezer, Sep. 13 and 14; Tug River, Sep. 13 and 14; Liberty Hill, Sep. 20 and 21; Bramwell, Sep. 27 and 28.

West Tazewell, Oct. 4 and 5—Taylor.

Tazewell, at North Tazewell, Oct. 4 and 5.

T. R. HANDY, P. E.

STEAMERS CRASH ON LAKE SUPERIOR

The Thomas Nelson Cut Almost in Two and Sank.

NINE OF THE NIGHT CREW DROWNED

By the Aid of Tugs the Sinking Steamer Was Pulled to Shore—Her Stern Settled Just as Her Prow Galed Upon the Ground—The Hadley Barely Reached the Shore.

DULUTH, MINN., June 7.—The whaleback steamer Thomas Nelson, Captain Cameron, was cut almost in two by the steamer George G. Handley, Captain Fitzgerald, a half mile south of the Duluth Canal today and nine men went down. They were mostly men of the night crew, who had not time to get out of their bunks before the vessel sank. The names of the men lost were:

AARON TRIPS, cook, —FRANK, second cook, Superior. JAMES M'DOUGAL, oiler, West Superior.

JAMES M. FRAZER, oiler, Manitowan Island. JOSEPH M'GRAW, wheelman, Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich.

JOHN CAMPBELL, lookout, Greenleaf, Mich.

JOHN CAREY, deck hand, St. Catharines, Ont.

THOMAS JONES, deck hand.

WILLIAM ROEBUCK, fireman, Portsmouth.

WEST DOWN QUICKLY.

The Wilson was coming toward the canal and the Hadley going out, both off for the Superior entry, and crashed loaded. Just before reaching the canal, and when about opposite the Wilson, the Hadley change in orders by a tug to go to Superior. Immediately she sheered off for the Superior entry, and crashed directly into the Wilson. The Wilson went down so quickly that it did not seem possible to save a life. One man on the Wilson threw life preservers to those who had jumped into the water. The crew of the Hadley also threw out life preservers.

As the Wilson went down the members of the crew rushed to the stern, jumping overboard as fast as they could free themselves from their clothing. The vessel did not float a minute after the collision. During this interval she seemed supported entirely by the Hadley's prow, which was sticking in through her plates. The men who jumped last were seen struggling near the hull just before the plunge and could not be seen afterwards.

WAS HELPLESS.

The Hadley's steering apparatus seemed to be paralyzed after the collision. She swung round in a circle several times, and seemed utterly helpless. In a few moments it was apparent that the Hadley was going down, and the crew on it could be seen stripping themselves and lowering boats. Some of them got into boats, but when the Hadley sank to within a foot of her deck she seemed to cease sinking for a few minutes, and the men clamored back on the boat.

The race of the life-saving crew and tugs for the wreck was thrilling. The Hadley would have made the shore had it not been for tugs. The life-saving crew picked up the men in the water. The Hadley had a run for shore, and a moment after her bow went on the bottom, her stern began to settle and finally went down.

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Royal Arch Officers Elected.

At a regular convocation of O'Keeffe Chapter No. 25, R. A. M., held on Monday night, the 9th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Wm. C. Pendleton, H. P.; C. W. Jones, King; J. R. Hicks, Scribe; James O'Keeffe, Treasurer; W. G. Young, Secretary.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: R. A. Crockett, C. H.; J. S. Bottimore, P. S.; C. A. Thompson, C. G.; John W. McCall, M. 1st Vel; W. H. Barnett, M. 2nd Vel; J. M. Coffee, M. 3rd Vel; O. G. Emshwiller, Steward; G. L. McClintock, Tiler.

Board of Registration.

The Constitutional Convention has appointed the following Registration Boards for Tazewell county:

For Jeffersonville District: J. H. Lewis, J. H. Whitley and Jas. Ed. Peery.

For Clear Fork District: E. King Crockett, John L. Baber and Dr. George H. Zimmerman.

For Maiden Spring District: S. J. Thompson, E. B. Scott and W. P. Payne.

These gentlemen are all Democrats, and our representative in the Convention was not consulted as to their appointment. But we have every reason to believe that they will act fairly in the matter of registering the voters of the county. They may, most of them, be partisans, but they will not be likely to do any intentional wrong, even at the suggestion of any ring politician.

Roosevelt Invited.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Julius L. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., called at the White House today with Senator Clay and Representative Livingston, and invited the President to attend the unveiling of a monument to the Confederate General William H. T. Walker at Atlanta, on July 22. General Walker was killed in the same battle on the same day that the Union General McPherson met his death. The President said he would take the matter under advisement but he very much feared he would not be able to go owing to the press of public business.

Echoes From the Past.

Thomas Green Bethune, known as "Blind Tom," the marvelous negro pianist, on Tuesday night played before the largest house, so far as receipts are concerned, that ever assembled at Tazewell to hear any entertainer. Music loving people from all sections of the county were present and the door receipts amounted to over \$300.00.

In the case of "Blind Tom," the sentiment of the song, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform," is strangely verified. It is passing strange that such marvelous gifts should have been bestowed on such a human creature. A slave by birth, with a black skin, congenitally blind and a mental freak he has been endowed by his Creator with a musical inspiration and a memory that have made him an interesting subject for students in anthropology, phrenology and psychology.

Tom was born within a few miles of the city of Columbus, Ga., on the 25th day of May, 1849. He is of pure negro blood, and from his earliest childhood manifested a great love for harmonious sounds. When a child, if he heard a bird singing, he would rush frantically in the direction of the feathered songster. Not only did he seem to derive joy from hearing harmonious sounds and manifest a peculiar pleasure in imitating them, but even the harshest and most grating sounds seemed to have a similar effect upon him. He was about four years old when a piano was introduced into his master's house. The first note that was sounded upon the instrument so moved him that he was permitted to gratify his curiosity by running his fingers over and smelling the keys. One night the parlor and piano were left open, and next morning before day the young ladies were awakened by hearing some one playing one of their pieces on the piano. It was Tom, who had groped his way into the room and to the piano. He was then given free access to the instrument, and soon developed into the wonderful performer which has made him unique in the musical world.

In 1861, shortly after the first battle of Manassas, we heard Tom play in the old First African church in Richmond. It was then the largest audience room in that city, and it was the scene for the gathering of large audiences to hear the little blind negro musical wonder. He then played his descriptive piece, "The Battle of Manassas," and repeated the speech of Stephen A. Douglas. Tom had heard the "Little Giant" in 1860 make a speech from the balcony of the old "Norwell House at Lynchburg, Va., and had retained the most of it, not only the language, but the tone of the then candidate of one wing of the Democracy for President. We heard Tom again just after the Civil War, and again, about 15 years ago, at Marion, Va.

His entertainment here gave great satisfaction to the large audience; but he played under very adverse conditions. The piano was a cheap one, with poor tone and not in tune, which belongs to the High School. It is a shame that those persons who have charge of him should place him before large and cultured audiences without providing a proper instrument for his use. If the Tazewell audience could have heard him perform on the Concert Grand piano with which he was provided by Mr. Bethune, his old master, they would have been much more astonished by the marvelous skill of this wonderful freak or musical genius. Mr. Bethune was proud of the skill and genius of his former slave and subsequent protege. Tom has evidently in these latter days fallen into the hands of Philistines, who are more anxious to make money out of him than to treat the public properly and give the blind pianist the means for exhibiting his skill and genius to their full measure.

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Mass-Meeting.

The Republicans of Tazewell county are hereby called to assemble in mass-meeting at the court house on Tuesday, June 17th, 1902, at 1 p. m., to consider matters of grave importance to the people. It is urged that as many Republicans as possible attend the meeting.

H. G. McCALL, County Chairman.

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S. W. VIRGINIA LOCAL ITEMS

WHAT HAS RECENTLY TRANSPIRED IN THE COUNTIES OF THIS SECTION.

Mr. J. B. Hask was found dead in his bed at 11 o'clock last Monday morning at the home of his son, F. N. Hask, in West Radford. He was sixty eight years old, a native of Grayson county, Va., and a Confederate veteran. He moved to Radford from Bristol about six months ago.

James Cassell, a youth sixteen years old, was drowned in Barrett's mill pond on Reed Creek, near Wytheville, on Tuesday night. He had gone in bathing and was seized with cramps. His friends made several heroic efforts to save him but failed. He was a son of James M. Cassell, a prominent farmer near Wytheville.

Mr. Ed Dobbins was found dead in bed at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at his home in Montgomery county. He was suffering from consumption, and returned from Texas, where he had been for his health, only a month ago. His burial took place Monday afternoon near Auburn. Mr. Dobbins was 32 years old and a brother of Mr. Rice Dobbins, of Radford.

On last Friday a large crowd of armed citizens at Bondtown, in Wise county, arrested and shot to death a negro by the name of Wiley Gwynn. The negro had attempted to assault the 12-year-old daughter of Franklin Green, a farmer who lived near Toms Creek. The mob took Gwynn from officers and riddled the body of the culprit with bullets.

A special decree has been entered for the sale of the Southwest Virginia Institute buildings at Bristol, Va. The sale will be made on the 28th inst. It is a very fine property, estimated to be worth \$175,000, and is to be sold for debt. The buildings were erected by the Virginia Baptists, and it is thought they will be purchased by them at the sale.

A Tazewell Woman Asks

"have you a floor paint that will last two weeks?" Yes we have Devco's; it has a beautiful gloss and will wear two years if properly applied. Jno. E. Jackson.

A Youth Badly Poisoned.

A sixteen year old boy named Davis Lambert has been engaged in driving one of Mr. M. L. Peery's wool wagons about the country to gather up wool for his factory at North Tazewell. Last Monday he was with a wagon on the head of Tug River, a few miles north of Tiptop. He became hungry and purchased a can of beef from a store, and ate part of it for a lunch. In a short time he became desperately sick and began to have convulsions. He was brought to Tiptop, and conveyed to Mr. Peery's residence near North Tazewell, where he continues to have convulsions and remain dangerously ill. It is thought he was poisoned by the canned beef, as his peculiar condition can be accounted for in no other way by the physicians attending him.

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Normal School.

I desire again to call attention to the fact that arrangements have been made with Prof. C. D. M. Showalter, assisted by Prof. W. E. Lacey, to conduct a Normal School at Tazewell College for the benefit of those desiring to teach in the public schools. This school will begin the 1st day of July and close the 4th day of August, and examinations for white teachers will be held the 5th and 6th days of August. The cost for board will be \$2.50 a week, and tuition for the entire time will be only \$3. All persons intending to attend this school should write at once to Prof. C. D. M. Showalter, who will assign them a boarding place upon arrival. Be sure and be present the first day and bring your text-books along with you. As there are so many subjects in each text-book to be reviewed, no subject can be gone over twice, so it is necessary to be present all the time. P. H. WILLIAMS, Supt.

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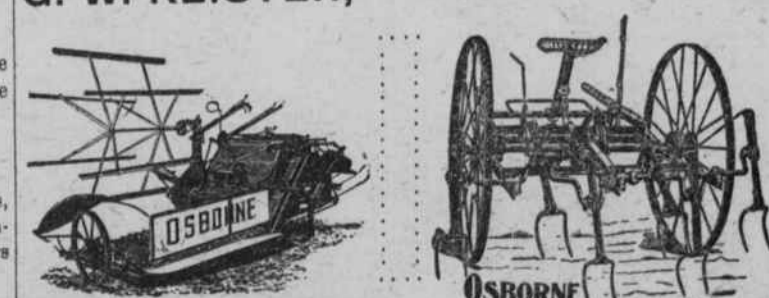
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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

A great many of the wretches who are being lynched in the South deserve death, but the horrible manner in which death is inflicted by mobs is a reflection on Southern civilization, and is very demoralizing to law and order.

The Bryan and anti-Bryan Democrats are talking a great deal about harmonizing. But the trouble is that each side wants the other to harmonize by coming to it. Mr. Bryan and his adherents will not abandon the Chicago platform, and the gold Democrats will not consent to transferring themselves to the support of the free silver and Populist doctrines of that platform. So, harmony does not seem to be very near at hand